

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 4 April 1957

SUBJECT : 1) Construction of New Building - 2) Personnel Strength  
Reference : Memo for the Record dtd 4 Apr 57 by DD/S, subj: "New Building - Discussions with the Bureau of the Budget."  
PARTICIPANTS: Central Intelligence Agency - Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Bureau of the Budget - Robert M. Macy, Chief, International Division

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2. Mr. Dulles advised Mr. Macy that we were trying to cut down on our departmental personnel strength but that he didn't know of any way to do it at the moment except to have a reduction in force----a move which he thought would be disastrous for CIA at the present time. He also said that he didn't see how he could accomplish the various tasks which had been levied upon CIA and at the same time reduce by any substantial number of people. He informed Mr. Macy that he was planning to take a long weekend in order to try to get some rest but that when he returned he hoped it would be possible for Mr. Brundage to come over for lunch and a briefing, at which time we could explain to him more about our job, how we went about doing it, the number of people we had, where they were, etc.

3. With regard to the building itself, Mr. Dulles said that he didn't know what else to do except to go ahead and construct as much building as we could with the money we

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had, and that he believed it would be one of the most austere permanent Government buildings ever built. He made it plain to Mr. Macy that the architect would proceed with the planning without interruption.

4. Mr. Macy offered no objection to any part of Mr. Dulles' conversation and indicated that he, too, thought it would be better for him to discuss this matter with Mr. Brundage at a later date.

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